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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Dear Ms. Kiser:

With this letter and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the following amendment of the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments' (SBCAG) 2004/05 - 2006/07 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

<u>No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
19	Local Element <ul style="list-style-type: none">Modifies funding for the "Santa Maria River Nature Trail (MPO Id: SM022)" project for the City of Santa Maria. The amendment programs additional local funds for the project. This project is funded from the Recreational Trails Program. See Enclosure.

I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration approve this FTIP Amendment No. 19 for inclusion into California's 2004/05 - 2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP, in fiscal years beyond the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP, are not approved as part of this FTIP amendment and are for information only.

The updated programming is for projects in air quality attainment area that is exempt from the conformity determination requirement. The financial impacts of this amendment are compatible with anticipated revenues in the FSTIP Financial Plan and do not significantly affect the overall financial analysis. This project is included and submitted by SBCAG through the California Transportation Improvement Program System.

In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. SBCAG prepared this FTIP amendment under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Abhijit Bagde, of my staff, at (916) 654-3638.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ross A. Chittenden", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

ROSS A. CHITTENDEN
Chief
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Enclosures

- c: Steven Barhite - EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosure)
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